

VILLAS DESTROYS TENTH CAVALRY SMASHES A VILA COLUMN KILLS OVER FIFTY ENEMYS THIRTY OF BADTS

Col. Brown and Command of Negro Troopers Defeat Villistas in a Canyon. GEN. PERSHING IS AT SAN GERONIMO Villa Is Reported Fleeing North and Americans Take Steps To Surround Him.

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ADVANCED Base Punitive Expedition, United States Army, Near Nacimiento, Chihuahua, Mex., April 4.—(By Radio to Columbus, N. M.)—Maj. Evans, 10th cavalry, has reported from Rubio in a message to Gen. Pershing that Col. Brown, 10th cavalry, surprised a band of Villistas in San Antonio canyon, near Aguas Calientes (Hot Springs) April 1, while the latter were preparing their noon meal. The natives reported to Maj. Evans that between 30 and 40 men and as many horses were killed. Col. Brown sent no details.

Manuel Baca Killed.
The battle is believed to be the same battle in which Manuel Baca, the Carrancista murderer, was reported killed by Carrancistas.
Reports from San Geronimo, where Gen. Pershing is now located, are to the effect that forces popularly supposed to be operating in Villa's interests in the Teneasque country have been hopelessly scattered and that small bands of men from there to 20, into which they have been broken, are being so ruthlessly and relentlessly pursued by the Americans that they are being given no opportunity to rest themselves or animals.

Villa Fleeing North?
There is a story to the effect that Villa, wounded, is fleeing in a wagon with a small escort of his once famous band of "Dorados" (Golden Ones), and that he is heading north.
The story is not given credence by the Americans, but they are taking every precaution to catch him and his men in a net if he has undertaken to seek seclusion under the delusion that the main body of pursuers are laboring under the impression that he is trying to get to Durango or some other southern city where he might surround himself with his old-time followers.

Troops As Far West as Sonora.
Troops, mounted and on foot, have been dispatched in every direction, and every valley and pass in the mountains between the border and a point a few miles north of the city of Chihuahua and as far west as the Sonora line are being patrolled and the canyons between combed as with a fine tooth comb.

GEN. LUIS GUTIERREZ in a telegram dated April 4 to Gen. Galera, chief of Juarez, confirms the report that Villa is fleeing toward Satorre, and that he is wounded. The communication reads:
"Villa is fleeing, seriously wounded. He has divided his forces into several bands and they are moving in different directions."
"We have mobilized our forces as follows: Gen. Luis Herrera, near Bustillos; Gen. Cayetano, on the heels of the enemy and according to report that is sent me on Monday he should have overtaken him by daylight (Tuesday morning)."

"Gen. Benjamin Garza should have arrived at Satorre and there cut off Villa's further retreat south."
"Col. Jesus Hernandez, with a considerable force, left this morning (Tuesday) at daylight to take possession of Nueces, Santa Gertrudes and other points nearby and cut off the retreat of the enemy in that direction. I will give you the results of this movement later."

Two Villa Leaders Killed.
Gen. Gavira has learned that Villa was not only wounded in the engagement at Guerrero, but that Ezequiel Hernandez and Roman Taranzo, two of his chief officers were killed outright.
The telegram from Gen. Gutierrez to Gen. Gavira states that a captain and two soldiers who had been captured by Villa and his men at Santa Isabel and have an account of the Guerrero engagement. The report states that the Mexican brigade, that was under the command of Col. Salas. They say that Villa with 200 men went toward the village of San Juan Bautista. The men under the Villa general, Pablo Lopez (who is reported dead) are now under Cuadraltero Cervantes command. The report states that one of Villa's chiefs is with a band of 20 men in the mountains of Guerrero, while Martin Lopez is with 100 men in the vicinity of Bachajon.

Reported Engagements.
Gen. Benjamin Garza communicates to Gen. Gutierrez from Laja de Alamo that a unit of 100 men from the Constitutional forces engaged a band of Villistas recently in that locality and routed the band and captured their rifles. The message says that the Villistas were routed.

SPANISH AND BRITISH SHIPS SUNK BY SUBMARINE.
London, Eng., April 5.—The Spanish steamship *Vico*, was sunk in the bay of Bilbao by a German submarine, according to a dispatch received here. The crew was not adrift in a boat and later picked up by the British steamship *Polo* and taken to Gibraltar.
Lloyd's also reports the sinking of the British steamship *Bendow*, with the loss of one of the crew.

ITALY'S WAR MINISTER HAS RESIGNED, IS REPORTED.
Rome, Italy, April 5.—It is reported that Gen. Zupelli, minister of war, has resigned on account of ill health, and that Gen. Paolo Morosini, commander of an army corps, will succeed him, Gen. Affari, it is said, will be named under secretary of state.

NEW RUSS COUNCIL.
London, Eng., April 5.—Reuter's Petrograd correspondent says Gen. Brusilov, commander of the eighth army, has been appointed commander in chief of the armies of the southwestern front in succession to Gen. Ivanoff.

NORWEGIAN SHIP ARENA IS SUNK BY SUBMARINE.
London, Eng., April 5.—The crew of the Norwegian steamship *Arena* has been taken to Ystad by the power boat *Clave*. A Reuter dispatch from Ystad says the *Arena* was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine.

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